1	The state of the s	Abstract			
2	An endoprosthesis in the fo	orm of an e	longated ho	ollow	
3	structure that can be impla	inted percu	aneously v	vith a	
4	catheter in a blood vessel	or other c	avity of th	ne body	and
5	once correctly positioned w	vill expand	from an i	nitial	state
6	with a narrow lumen into a	state with	a lumen th	nat is	as wide
7	as its placement will allow	. It has	a lining o	f a wra	pping
8	material that deforms plast	ically wit	hout fissu	ring as	it
9	expands from the state with	the narro	w lumen to	the st	ate
10	with the wide lumen. Anoth	ner embodim	ent is a s	tent wi	th a
11	wrinkled lining that smoothes out as the stent expands. The				
12	lining is impregnated with	at least o	ne medicat	ion tha	t will
13	gradually and preferably at	a uniform	rate be r	eleased	to the
14	patient once the prosthesis	s is in pla	ce.		
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